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SUBJECT: GODR INQUIRY, U.S. FOOD PRODUCTS OPEN DATING SYSTEM

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. NEY B. ARIAS, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF THE OPEN DATING SYSTEM USED ON U.S. FOOD PRODUCTS. HIS AGENCY CONSIDERS THE DATE APPEARING ON THE PACKAGE AS THE EXPIRATION DATE, OR DATE AFTER WHICH THE PRODUCT SHOULD NOT BE SOLD. THIS CONTRASTS WITH A LETTER FROM KRAFT FOODS, DATED MAY 8, 1974, THAT MAINTAINS THE DATE IS ONLY AN INDICATOR OF PRODUCT FRESHNESS AND MAY BE SOLD AFTERWARDS. KRAFT FURTHER SAYS THAT ALL THEIR LABELS STATE QUOTE BEST WHEN PURCHASED BY UNQUOTE IN ADDITION TO THE DATE.

2. ARIAS' SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ARE: 1) HOW LONG AFTER THE PRINTED DATE WILL THE COMPANY GUARANTEE FRESHNESS? 2) ARE THESE PRODUCTS FREELY SOLD IN THE U.S. AFTER THE PRINTED DATE? 3) WHAT ARE THE CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATIONS IN THE U.S. REGARDING OPEN DATING?

3. WHILE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT QUESTION OF GUARANTEE MIGHT BETTER BE ADDRESSED TO FIRM DIRECTLY, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE ON THIS AS WELL AS OTHER ABOVE POINTS.
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